

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system adapted to provide a visitor's computer with access to at least one application ~~act as a platform for electronic meetings~~, comprising:

an application computer storing the at least one application;

~~a visitor's computer, an administration computer, an application computer~~, a firewall protecting said application computer;

an administration computer operatively linked to said application computer, said administration computer adapted to generate an electronic badge and adapted to transmit said electronic badge to the visitor's computer, said electronic badge including a password conferring access of the visitor's computer through said firewall to said at least one application

~~a transmission path over the Internet, characterised in that communications between said visitor's computer and said application computer are mediated by an electronic badge generated by said administration computer and operating on said visitor's computer.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer and application computer are realised on a single data processing machine.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer and application computer are distinct data processing machines, and ~~in that~~

~~communications between said visitor's computer and said application computer are controlled by a firewall~~ said firewall is located in said administration computer.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer is protected by ~~[[a]]~~ said firewall or another firewall.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said electronic badge is an applet ~~containing~~ including data identifying a visitor, ~~a password,~~ and a list of access rights to said at least one application ~~relating to software applications running on said application computer.~~

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said list of access rights ~~may permit~~ permits access to ~~one, or more, software~~ additional applications.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said applet is adapted to run on ~~[[said]]~~ the visitor's computer and cause one, or more, icons to be displayed on a VDU associated with ~~[[said]]~~ the visitor's computer.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer includes a control panel linked to a web server adapted to issue said electronic badge ~~badges~~.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer includes a control server linked to said control panel and said web server, and includes a database of access rules linked to said control server.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said control server and said database of access rules are ~~are~~ [[is]] linked to ~~[[a]]~~ said firewall protecting said application computer, ~~and in that said database of access rules is linked to said firewall protecting said application computer.~~

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein access to said webserver is controlled by ~~[[a]]~~ password protection ~~means~~.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterised in that an~~ wherein said electronic ~~visitor's~~ badge ~~can be~~ is created ~~from~~ by said control panel and deposited for collection on said webserver.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said visitor's computer can download said electronic ~~visitor's~~ badge by accessing said web server and by giving a password and visitor identification.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein access rights associated with said ~~visitor's~~ electronic badge can be altered while said ~~visitor~~ visitor's computer is connected to said application computer.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A telecommunications system, as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said ~~visitor's~~ electronic badge is adapted to self destruct on receipt of a self destruct signal from said control server.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A method of establishing access for a visitor's computer to ~~[[an]]~~ at least one application stored on an application computer, said application computer protected by a firewall generated by an administration computer, ~~over the Internet,~~ ~~characterised by comprising:~~

generating an electronic badge by said administration computer, said electronic badge including a password conferring access to the at least one application;

transmitting said electronic badge by said administration computer to the visitor's computer; and

accessing the at least one application, by the visitor's computer, via said electronic badge through said firewall ~~mediating communications between said visitors computer and said application computer with an electronic badge generated on said administration computer and operating on said visitors computer.~~

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised by~~ ~~realising~~ wherein said administration computer and said application computer are realised on a single data processing machine.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised by~~ ~~realising~~ wherein said administration computer and application computer are realised as distinct data processing machines, and

~~by controlling communications between said visitors computer and said application~~
~~computer through a~~ said firewall is located in said administration computer.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised by~~
~~protecting wherein~~ said administration computer is protected with a firewall.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised by~~
wherein said electronic badge ~~being is~~ an applet ~~containing further including~~ data identifying
a visitor, ~~a password,~~ and a list of access rights to the at least one application ~~relating to~~
~~software applications running on said application computer.~~

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 20, ~~characterised by~~
wherein said list of access rights permitting permits access to ~~one, or more,~~ software
additional applications.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 20, ~~characterised by~~
wherein said applet ~~running runs~~ on said visitor's computer and causes ~~causing~~ one, or more,
icons to be displayed on a VDU associated with ~~said visitors~~ the visitor's computer.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised by~~
wherein said administration computer ~~including~~ includes a control panel linked to a web
server adapted to issue said electronic badge ~~badges~~.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 23, ~~characterised by~~
~~the steps of~~ further comprising:

establishing a voice link ~~over the PSTN~~ between a ~~person~~ visitor operating said visitor's computer, ~~herein referred to as a visitor~~, and a ~~person~~ host operating said administration computer, ~~herein referred to as a host~~;

~~said host~~ establishing by the host that ~~[[said]]~~ the visitor has clearance to access said application computer, and

assigning and communicating a password to ~~said~~ the visitor ~~over said voice link~~.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 23, ~~characterised by~~ wherein said administration computer ~~including~~ includes a control server linked to said control panel and said web server, and includes a database of access rules linked to said control server.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 25, ~~characterised by~~ wherein said control server ~~being~~ is linked to a firewall protecting said application computer, and ~~[[by]]~~

said database of access rules ~~being~~ is linked to said firewall protecting said application computer.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 26, ~~characterised by~~ further comprising:

controlling access to said webserver with ~~[[a]]~~ password protection ~~means~~.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 24, ~~characterised by~~ wherein said host ~~creating an~~ creates said electronic visitor's badge by actuation of said

control panel and ~~depositing deposits~~ said electronic ~~visitor's~~ badge, for collection by said ~~visitor~~ visitor's computer, on said webserver.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 24, ~~characterised by~~ said wherein the visitor accessing said webserver ~~over the Internet, giving~~ enters said password, ~~and downloading to download~~ said electronic ~~visitor's~~ badge.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 24, ~~characterised by~~ ~~the steps of~~ further comprising:

~~said visitor~~ requesting access by the visitor, while connected to said application computer, to a ~~first software~~ another application, ~~not pre-authorised on~~ without access rights to the another application being included in said electronic ~~visitor's~~ badge;

~~said control panel~~ giving an alarm condition by said control panel;

~~said host~~ confirming by the host, over said voice link, that ~~said the~~ visitor has requested access to said ~~first software~~ another application; and

modifying the access rights associated with said electronic ~~visitor's~~ badge, via said control panel, to include permission to access the another application.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A method, as claimed in claim 24, ~~characterised by~~ wherein said electronic ~~visitor's~~ badge self ~~destructing~~ destructs on receipt of a self destruct signal from said control server.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, for use with a telecommunications system adapted to ~~act as a platform for electronic meetings~~ provide a

visitor's computer access to at least one application, said administration computer having comprising:

a firewall protecting an application computer storing the least one application;
~~characterised in that said administration computer is a unit~~ adapted to create an
electronic badge, said electronic badge including a password conferring access of the visitor's
computer to the at least one application through said firewall; and
a unit adapted to transmit said electronic badge to the visitor's computer to mediate
~~communications between a visitor's computer and said application computer.~~

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 32,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer and application computer are
realised on a single data processing machine.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 32,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer and application computer are
distinct data processing machines.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 32,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer is protected by ~~[[a]]~~ said firewall.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 32,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said electronic badge is an applet ~~containing~~ further including
data identifying a visitor, ~~a password~~, and a list of access rights to the at least one application
~~relating to software applications running on said application computer.~~

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): An administration computer as claimed in claim 36, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said list of access rights ~~may permit~~ permits access to ~~one, or more, software~~ additional applications.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 36, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said applet is adapted to run on ~~[[said]]~~ the visitor's computer and cause one, or more, icons to be displayed on a VDU associated with ~~[[said]]~~ the visitor's computer.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 32, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer includes a control panel linked to a web server adapted to issue said electronic badge ~~electronic badges~~.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 39, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said administration computer includes a control server linked to said control panel and said web server, and includes a database of access rules linked to said control server.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 40, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said control server ~~[[is]]~~ and said database of access rules are linked to ~~[[a]]~~ said firewall protecting said application computer, ~~and in that said database of access rules is linked to said firewall protecting said application computer.~~

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 41,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein access to said webserver is controlled by ~~[[a]]~~ password
protection means.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 36,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said electronic badge is an electronic visitor's badge can be
created ~~[[from]]~~ by said control panel and deposited for collection on said webserver.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): An administration computer, as claimed in claim 36,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein access rights associated with said visitor's badge can be altered
while ~~a visitor~~ said visitor's computer is connected to said application computer.